

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3 and 6 are amended and new claim 11 is added. Claims 3 and 6 are amended and claim 11 is added to clarify the presently claimed invention and to place this application into better condition for examination. The claim amendments are supported by the specification and the originally filed claims. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-2, 4-5 and 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Schroeder et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,829,957) in view of Nishizawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,268,704) and further in view of Miyashita et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,759,643). This rejection is traversed.

The presently claimed invention is directed to “[a]n adhesive film for a display, comprising: a transparent substrate, an anti-reflection layer provided on one surface of said transparent substrate, and an adhesive layer provided on the other surface of said transparent substrate, said anti-reflection layer being formed by resin in which low refractive index material disperses therein, said anti-reflection layer and said adhesive layer each having a predetermined color for rendering said adhesive film achromatic when said predetermined color of said anti-reflection layer is mixed with said predetermined color of said adhesive layer, and said predetermined color of said adhesive layer being colored by a colorant comprising carbon black” (claim 1).

Applicant emphasizes that the anti-reflection layer and the adhesive layer of the presently claimed invention are colored in order to render the adhesive film achromatic when the predetermined color of the anti-reflection layer is mixed with the predetermined

color of the adhesive layer. In particular, the adhesive layer is colored by a “colorant comprising carbon black” (claim 1).

Applicant also emphasizes the advantages of the presently claimed invention, which include “superior image contrast and color reproduction” (Specification, page 32, lines 12-13). The improved image contrast between white and black, while utilizing a colored adhesive layer comprising carbon black, was demonstrated in Examples 1 and 2 (see Table 1 and Specification, page 37, line 13 to page 38, line 2). In contrast, adhesive films without carbon black in the Comparative Example (Specification, page 36), did not demonstrate improved image contrast between white and black (see Table 1 and Specification, page 37, lines 15-20).

Applicant respectfully submits that Schroeder et al., Nishizawa et al. and Miyashita et al., do not teach or suggest “said predetermined color of said adhesive layer being colored by a colorant comprising carbon black” as required by claim 1. As none of the cited references teach or suggest all of the requirements of claim 1, much less the advantages of the presently claimed invention, Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable. Further, Applicant submits that dependent claims 2-11 are patentable for at least the same reasons.

As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the presently claimed invention would not have been obvious to those of skill in the art in view of the disclosure of Schroeder et al., Nishizawa et al. and Miyashita et al. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-2, 4-5 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Schroeder et al. in view of Nishizawa et al. and further in view of Miyashita et al.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing attorney docket number **108421-00016**.

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Respectfully submitted,



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